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## **AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 33 minus highest number 40 (at least 20) = \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 previously paid for minus highest number Independent claims after amendment 0.00 \$ 86.00 previously paid for 11 (at least 3) =Х 0 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 0.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) ☐ Please enter the previously unentered , filed ☐ Submission attached Subtotal 110.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 110.00

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